

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL B. TRISTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of civil rights attorney Michael B. Trister, who passed away on October 20, 2018. As family, friends and colleagues mourn the loss of a loving family man, a steward of justice, and a voice for the underrepresented, I ask my fellow members of Congress to join me in honoring Mike for his unwavering commitment to defending civil rights and his rich legacy as a lawyer, advocate, teacher, husband, father and grandfather.

Mike's legal career was marked by profound dedication to serving those in need. His first job out of law school was teaching and developing a legal services program at the University of Mississippi School of Law in the 1960's. There, his work serving the poor and marginalized drew the ire of the state's political hierarchy. When the University terminated its relationship with the program and told Mike he could not both continue to teach and work in the program, he sued in federal court—in *Trister v. University of Mississippi*—and won the right to do so.

Upon his reinstatement, and as part of his groundbreaking legal practice as the first Executive Director of North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (NMRLS), he focused on advancing the civil and economic rights of African Americans—in the process, contributing greatly to the transformation of poverty law practice in the state. In addition to overseeing school desegregation cases, Mike represented NMRLS lawyers targeted by local law enforcement and defended African American student protesters at the University who were facing both criminal prosecution and calls for expulsion.

In 1970, Mike moved to Washington, D.C., to work at the Children's Defense Fund, eventually serving as Vice President and General Counsel. He later co-founded the firm currently known as Trister, Ross, Schadler & Gold, PLLC. Over thirty years, he worked with a multitude of clients, providing counsel to progressive labor, advocacy, charitable, and political organizations. Mike's practice, at its core, focused on supporting social, economic, and political movements. Beyond his law practice, he also sought to improve the legal profession through teaching and community engagement. Among other things, Mike served as the Chair of the DC Bar Legal Ethics Committee and the DC Bar Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee. He has been honored for his lifetime of advocacy, and for his many contributions to the profession.

Mr. Speaker, as Mike's wife Nancy Duff Campbell, son Noah Trister, daughter Karen Trister Grace, son-in-law Peter Grace, and grandchildren Jeremy and Mara Grace celebrate his lifetime of achievements and his de-

votion to his family, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mike's dedication to advancing civil rights and progressive causes, which began during an era that sorely needed courageous voices.

HONORING BRYAN FISCHER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Bryan Fischer for his contribution to our state.

As a member of the 6th District Agriculture Advisory Committee, Bryan regularly met with my team to discuss emerging agriculture issues that are impacting Indiana's farmers. Bryan is an important business and civic leader in Shelby County and our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with Bryan and his wife, Celeste. Not only does Celeste make the best cookies in Shelby County, but she and Bryan are both passionate leaders who care about providing opportunity for the next generation that grows up in Shelby County.

Both Bryan and Celeste were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal friends and wise advisers. I want to thank the Fishers for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday, November 13, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 416; and YEA on Roll Call No. 417.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY GIOVANIELLO

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country have been exceptional. After working for many years in the residential and commercial real estate industries, Jerry Giovaniello is retiring from the National Association of REALTORS.

After earning a graduate degree in history from New York University, Mr. Giovaniello fulfilled an ROTC commitment to the U.S. Army, serving as an officer in Vietnam and Washington, D.C. from 1968 through 1970. After his military service, Mr. Giovaniello worked as a policy analyst and writer for *National Journal*, a weekly magazine covering the federal government and public policy issues. Later, Mr. Giovaniello began working on Capitol Hill where he served as chief of staff for two members of Congress from California—Rep. Jerry Pettis, R-Calif., 1972 to 1976, and Rep. Jim Lloyd, D-Calif., 1976 to 1981.

From 2001 until his retirement this year, Mr. Giovaniello served as the senior vice president of government affairs and chief lobbyist of the National Association of REALTORS, the nation's largest professional association, representing more than one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. Mr. Giovaniello managed the association's government affairs staff of approximately 40 people in Washington, D.C. He also served as NAR's advocate for members of Congress from California, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii and Oregon.

Jerry and I have worked closely together on a number of issues. Perhaps the most consequential was our successful effort to stop large national banks from entering the real estate business. Had the banks prevailed, it would have left home buyers and sellers with fewer choices and higher loan fees. More crucially, it would have made the economic crisis of 2008 even more severe. We all owe Jerry a debt of gratitude for taking on that fight and winning it.

Mr. Giovaniello has contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation and I am proud to call him a fellow American and my friend. He played a major role advancing policies that helped Americans realize their dream of owning a home. To conclude, Mr. Speaker I want to thank Mr. Giovaniello for his service to the residential and commercial real estate industries—his dedication, insight and passion will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING MRS. JENNIFER HOMENDY ON HER CONFIRMATION AND SWEARING-IN TO THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Jennifer Homendy on her confirmation and swearing-in as a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board. Mrs. Homendy was confirmed unanimously by the Senate on July 24, 2018 and sworn in on August 20, 2018. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee, and having worked alongside her for twelve years, I

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